

Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes: Thursday July 19th at 5:30PM, Village Cooperative. Burlington, Ia

1. **Call to order:** 5:38PM by Chairman Herb Price
2. **Present:** Paul French, Michael Allen, Wendell Biggs, Herb Price, Alan Mohr
3. **Public Input:** Dale Schmeiser asked for information on two burial (Cremation) spots at Franklin Mills Cemetery. He and his family have lived in the area for over 100 years and like the cemetery. Dale will look at the Franklin Mills map on iagenweb.com to help locate an open spot. He knows the cemetery history as well. In addition, he will furnish the container dimensions. Herb will see if he has a picture of the Franklin Mills church. Wendell will find the folder that contains info. on selling burial plots. We will do a paper contract so proof of the sale is recorded. Dale also asked about a tree at the grave site. We gave the long term negatives of a tree planted near a monument. Some tree types are worse than others. He was given my email address for correspondence.
4. **Approval of current agenda:** Motion-Paul, 2nd-Alan, Approved by all.
5. **Approval of minutes taken 3/13/18 meeting:** Motion-Paul, 2nd-Mike, Approved by all.
6. **Communication/correspondence:** None
7. **Old Business and updates:**
 - A. Hukill update: Must get broken stones back and repair them. Work session. No activity
 - B. Linn Grove: Stone straightening. Work session 7/26/18
 - C. Old Danville: Controlled burning. Was not done- maybe this fall
 - D. Pleasant Grove: 4 stones were repaired and work session to straighten stones and D2 applied. Done.
 - E. Swedish Lutheran: Steve reports one stone needs straightening. Work session 7/26/18
 - F. Inghram: No actions taken on stone straightening. No update
 - G. Spring Creek: 4 monuments were repaired and D2 applied to 2/3 of cemetery. Work session needed to complete D2 application and straighten stones.
 - H. Round Prairie: 6/15/18 161 ton of 3 inch rock applied to the entrance road to help entry by mower and visitors.
 - I. Tree removal at Old Middletown by Jason Fidler. Done
 - J. Tree removal at Sourwine by Jason Fidler. Done
 - K. Jackson: Work session 7/5/18. Stones straightened and D2 applied. 3 stones need repair. One stone brought in for repair.
 - L. Avery: new monument bases done by Alan Guegler
 - M. Herb almost completed looking at all non mowed cemeteries for their condition and work needed.
 - N. Lots of work by members. The cemetery work sheet contains information on activities by cemetery. Attached. For our budget year that ended in June we were \$208.47 under budget. Thanks all!
8. **New Business**
 - A. Work Session 7/26/18 at 5pm. Priority - Linn Grove, Swedish Lutheran, Northfield
 - B. Cemetery worksheet has listing of needed work. Included are- Jackson stone repair, Sourwine gate, Spring Creek stone repair and work session, work sessions at Inghram,

Butcher, Driskell, Kingston, Linn Grove, Northfield, Swedish Lutheran, Meyers, Round
Prairie, Seifken

C. Cemetery Lot sale-Franklin Mills

D. Next meeting will be Sept 13 Thursday 5:30 at the Village Cooperative off Mason Road.

9. **Adjournment:** 6:25PM Motion made by Wendell, seconded by Herb. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.